

Year 1911

ASHTON-UPON-MERSEY URBAN AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health: CHARLES J. RENSHAW, M.D.

Population Census 1911 - 7,240.

Estimated population middle of 1911 - 7,300.

Area in Acres, 16.22.

Death rate per 1,000 living persons - 12.3

Death rate from seven principal zymotic diseases 1.

Deaths under one year per 1,000 births 80.

Birth rate 20.8.

The health of Ashton-upon-Mersey for the past year has been good.

There have been from all causes, both of the inhabitants in the neighbourhood, and of those belonging to Ashton-upon-Mersey who have died in other districts 91 deaths, that gives a death rate of 12.3.

There has been no epidemic during the past year, in order to prevent such as there were many cases of measles, All Saints' Schools were closed in May, and the measles did not spread.

During the year we had notified

94 cases of measles,

8 " scarlet fever

2 " erysipelas

2 " ratheln or German measles

16 " whooping cough

5 " diphtheria

1 " influenza

The question of the notifying of Tuberculosis makes it important to know where cases can be sent if necessary,

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Some of the beds at Delamere are charged at 2 to 3 guineas a week, others are free.

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In connection with tuberculosis no cows in this neighbourhood have been reported and no special trial of tuberculin has been made.

There are 9 cowsheds, 11 milkshops, 1 dairy; 21 inspections have been made, all has been found according to the regulations under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order as to lighting, ventilation and cleanliness.

No diseased meat has been reported.

There have been complaints about disagreeable smells to the north-east of the Authority - much of these undoubtedly proceeded from the river when it was very low in water owing to the very little rain in the Summer.

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mation, soon be removed from its present situation.

No special illness seems to have arisen from the smells, but they were very unpleasant.

The water supply is from the North Cheshire Water Co., is constant and is of very good quality and of sufficient quantity except when during the last Summer there was very little rainfall, and great care had to be taken to keep any supply at all.

Some of the outlying farms are supplied by wells, the water being good and the springs in the sand belt.

The River Mersey bounds the north eastern side of this district, it drains several towns in its course, the sewerage is supposed to be purified before entering the river.

The Sinderland brook is to the south and drains the upland, it was waterless during part of the Summer; it is fairly clear.

The drainage of the district is good and the sewage empties itself into sedimentary tanks and then on the land before emptying in to the River Mersey.

A few outlying farms drain into cesspools which are ventilated.

Hidden privies are emptied monthly.

Dry ashpits " " quarterly

Dustbins " " fortnightly.

Statements of vital statistics of this district accompany ~~this~~ this paper, also tabular statement.

The Midwives have been supervised, medical aid has been called in fourteen times. ^{by them} No case has terminated fatally and no case of puerperal fever has been reported.

Particulars of Sanitary Inspections and improvements
throughout the district during the year ended 31st.
December 1911.

Housing (Inspection of) Under Section 17 of the Housing & Town Planning Act 1909. 128 Houses have been inspected. Notices have been served in 41 cases which have all been complied with. 68 inspections are now before the Council including 3 cases of houses unfit for habitation. The work under this section will be proceeded with as quickly as possible and reports will be made to you as occasion requires.

Cowsheds: These have again been inspected and found to be in very fair condition. It was only necessary to call attention to small matters in 3 cases.

Slaughterhouses: These have again been found to be kept in a clean condition, and no complaint has been made.

Workshops: With one exception nothing was found to complain of in the inspections of these premises.

The total number of inspections is 265, particulars of which are to be found in the Tabular Statement attached to this report. In connection with these inspections 37 notices have been served, of which 32 have been complied with, the remainder are in hand.

Total number of Houses redrained	.	.	20
Privies converted into W.C's.	.	.	26
Privies done away with	.	.	4
Cases of stopped up drains attended to	.	.	3
Repairs effected to Privies and Ashpits	.	.	3
Overcrowding cases attended to	.	.	1
Disinfections carried out	.	.	30

